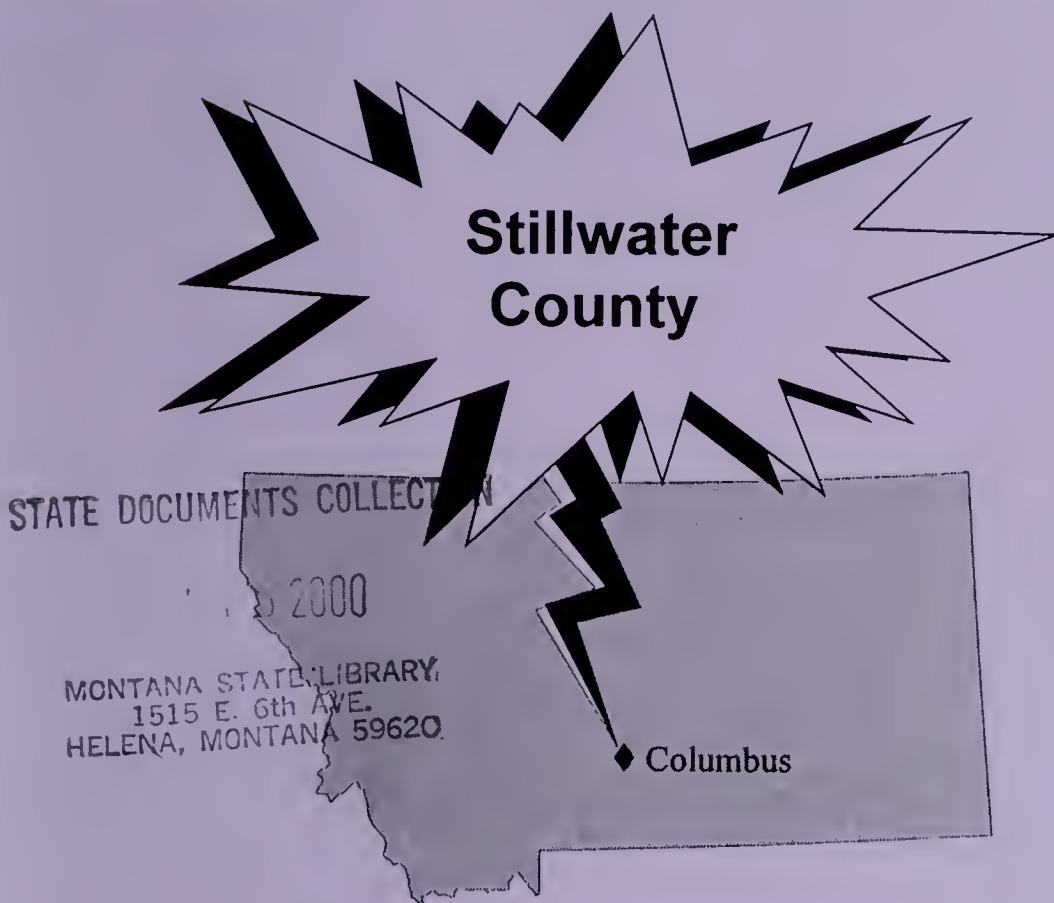


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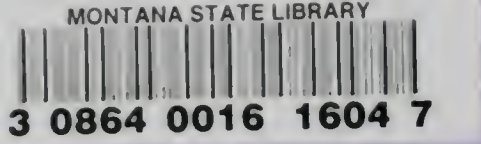


Cities and Towns in Stillwater County

Absarokee ♦ Columbus ♦ Dean ♦ Fishtail ♦ Limestone
Molt ♦ Nye ♦ Park City ♦ Rapelje ♦ Reedpoint

The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/lmi/lmi.htm>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Stillwater County

Located in southcentral Montana, Stillwater County is Montana’s 29th most populated county with 6,536 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Columbus, the county seat, is the state’s 39th largest city with a population of 1,573. The county is home to the Stillwater Mining Company platinum and palladium mine, one of only a few of its kind in the world. According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1913 and was organized from parts of Carbon, Sweet Grass and Yellowstone Counties. At one time, the county was Crow Indian land. According to the authors, a Crow legend says the Stillwater River was named after a beautiful woman and her betrothed who died there. The almanac says Columbus started as a stage station on the Yellowstone Trail and the Columbus quarry furnished stone for the State Capitol in Helena.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Stillwater County households in 1989 was \$23,582. The county is 1,804.7 square miles in area; 1,794.7 square miles in land area and 10 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the Western Regional Climate Center, monthly temperatures in Columbus range from a low of 8.7 degrees above in January to a high of 87.2 above in July. The *Montana Almanac* shows the annual average precipitation in 1995 was 15.95 inches and the length of growing season 119 days.

Stillwater County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/97 Estimate	7/1/96 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '97	% Change '90 to '96
Montana	878,810	876,684	799,065	10.0%	9.7%
Stillwater County	7,835	7,615	6,536	19.9%	16.5%
Columbus	Not Available	1,897	1,573	Not Available	20.6%

1997 New Businesses by Industry Stillwater County

SIC Code*	Industry	# Of New Busi- nesses
17	Special Trade Contractors	4
73	Business Services	4
15	General Building Contractors	3
50	Durable Goods-Wholesale Trade	2
86	Membership Organizations	2
7	Agricultural Services	1
20	Food & Kindred Products	1
24	Lumber & Wood Products, Except Furniture	1
57	Furniture & Home Furnishings	1
65	Real Estate	1
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	TOTAL	23

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Third Quarter 1997 Unemployment Insurance Information.

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Annual Average Labor Force For Stillwater County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Unem- ployment Rate
1970	1,766	1,699	67	3.8%
1971	1,838	1,733	105	5.7%
1972	1,757	1,673	84	4.8%
1973	1,774	1,699	75	4.2%
1974	1,884	1,815	69	3.7%
1975	1,938	1,843	95	4.9%
1976	2,034	1,938	96	4.7%
1977	1,985	1,881	104	5.2%
1978	2,108	2,012	96	4.6%
1979	2,267	2,192	75	3.3%
1980	2,248	2,163	85	3.8%
1981	2,340	2,246	94	4.0%
1982	2,412	2,206	206	8.5%
1983	2,161	1,918	243	11.2%
1984	2,605	2,382	223	8.6%
1985	2,524	2,330	194	7.7%
1986	2,685	2,462	223	8.3%
1987	3,063	2,869	194	6.3%
1988	3,153	3,012	141	4.5%
1989	3,328	3,193	135	4.1%
1990	3,291	3,162	129	3.9%
1991	3,205	2,928	277	8.6%
1992	3,283	3,071	212	6.5%
1993	3,372	3,233	139	4.1%
1994	3,542	3,388	154	4.3%
1995	3,715	3,531	184	5.0%
1996	3,952	3,774	178	4.5%
1997	4,060	3,839	221	5.4%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1998 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	3,094	1,738	1,356
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	467	241	226
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	175	96	79
Professional Specialty Occupations	292	145	147
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	670	202	468
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	89	33	56
Sales Occupations	222	106	116
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	359	63	296
Service Occupations	464	103	361
Private Household Occupations	19	0	19
Protective Service Occupations	25	25	0
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	420	78	342
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	542	407	135
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	543	502	41
Mechanics and Repairers	164	159	5
Construction Trade	150	138	12
Extractive Occupations	131	131	0
Precision Production Occupations	98	74	24
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	405	280	125
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	163	78	85
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	125	118	7
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	117	84	33
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	3	3	0

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2898.

Resources

⇒ Chamber of Commerce:

Columbus Chamber, P. O. Box 783, Columbus, MT 59019, 406-322-4505

⇒ Department of Labor and Industry:

Billings Job Service

2121-B Rosebud Drive, Billings, MT 59102, 406-652-3080

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Research & Analysis Publications

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections to the year 2005, hourly pay by occupation and skills and education required to qualify for specific jobs, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication.

⇒ Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local telephone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

⇒ Internet:

Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>
Cities of Columbus and Fishtail Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Columbus—Courthouse, 406-322-5334

⇒ Newspaper:

Stillwater County News, P. O. Box 659, Columbus, MT 59019, 406-322-5212

⇒ Public Library:

Stillwater County Library, 27 N. 4th St., Columbus, MT 59019-0266, 406-322-5009

⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Absarokee Public Schools, Route 1 Box 2020, Absarokee, MT 59001, 406-328-4583

Columbus Public Schools, Box 899, Columbus, MT 59019, 406-322-5373

Fishtail Elementary, P. O. Box 75, Fishtail, MT 59028, 406-328-4677

Molt Elementary, P. O. Box 67, Molt, MT 59057, 406-669-3218

Nye Elementary, Box 472, Nye, MT 59061, 406-328-6187

Park City Public Schools, P. O. Box 278, Park City, MT 59063, 406-633-2406

Rapelje Public Schools, P. O. Box 89, Rapelje, MT 59067, 406-663-2216

Reedpoint Public Schools, P. O. Box 338, Reedpoint, MT 59069, 406-326-2245

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income statewide is usually released late spring and county data around August each year. Population data for Montana is usually released in March and county data may be released at a different time. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

Stillwater County Employment By Industry* Annual Averages 1996			
Industry	# of Establish- ments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	232	2,248	\$55,131,355
PRIVATE BUSINESS	204	1,850	\$46,909,227
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	9	41	\$887,680
Agri Production/Livestock	4	31	\$703,532
Agricultural Services	5	10	\$184,148
MINING	3	574	\$25,943,988
CONSTRUCTION	36	77	\$1,734,373
General Building	13	30	\$81,361
Heavy Construction	3	16	\$606,789
Special Trade	20	30	\$548,223
MANUFACTURING	12	364	\$8,083,484
Lumber	5	69	\$1,515,069
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	10	29	\$619,207
Trucking-Warehousing	3	10	\$147,694
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	4	13	\$386,579
WHOLESALE TRADE	12	25	\$713,584
Durable Goods	7	12	\$317,834
Nondurable Goods	5	13	\$395,750
RETAIL TRADE	60	403	\$4,015,680
Bldg Materials-Garden	5	23	\$240,988
Food Stores	7	80	\$817,025
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	8	58	\$953,023
Furniture Stores	6	16	\$311,101
Eating & Drinking	24	199	\$1,632,069
Miscellaneous Retail	8	21	\$137,856
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	8	29	\$582,641
Real Estate	5	9	\$141,928
SERVICES	51	302	\$4,348,890
Business Services	3	16	\$108,032
Auto Repair Services	7	25	\$509,764
Amusement & Recreation	5	26	\$310,475
Health Services	7	154	\$2,423,771
Legal Services	3	4	\$298,350
Social Services	6	33	\$279,622
Membership Organizations	3	5	\$23,147
Engineering Services	5	8	\$122,033
Private Households	5	13	\$151,690
GOVERNMENT	28	398	\$8,222,128
State	7	21	\$573,851
Local	13	343	\$6,768,114
Federal	8	33	\$892,163

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.

(Totals may not add due to rounding.)

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Montana	\$3,558	\$8,842	\$15,067	\$16,005	\$16,618	\$17,709	\$17,709	\$18,602	\$19,271
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	80%	79%
Stillwater County	\$3,789	\$8,622	\$14,063	\$14,112	\$14,975	\$16,249	\$16,699	\$16,954	\$17,541
% of National Average	93%	86%	73%	72%	73%	76%	75%	73%	72%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 1998.

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Persons by Age, Race and Sex												
Eskimo/Aleut/ American Indian Asian or Pacific												
School Age	White		Black		Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	735	382	1	0	5	2	3	1	15	5	6	2
12-14	305	129	0	0	2	1	0	0	8	3	1	1
15-17	281	128	0	0	4	2	1	1	11	4	3	2
18-21	218	103	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	1	0
Total	1,539	742	1	0	14	8	4	2	33	12	11	5
Eskimo/Aleut/ American Indian Asian or Pacific												
Working & Voting Age	White		Black		Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
18+	4,843	2,444	0	0	38	21	3	2	51	32	20	11
18-64	3,757	1,829	0	0	34	18	3	2	49	31	20	11
18+	4,858	2,383	0	0	34	19	2	1	44	30	19	10
18-64	3,572	1,748	0	0	30	16	2	1	42	29	19	10
Eskimo/Aleut/ American Indian Asian or Pacific												
Other Age Group	White		Black		Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	455	220	4	2	7	5	4	2	16	8	8	2
5-17	1,321	639	1	0	11	5	4	2	32	12	10	5
18-44	2,292	1,134	0	0	25	14	2	1	32	22	13	7
45-64	1,280	614	0	0	5	2	0	0	10	7	6	3
62+	1,258	690	0	0	4	3	0	0	4	3	0	0
65+	1,088	615	0	0	4	3	0	0	2	1	0	0
Total	6,434	3,222	5	2	52	29	10	5	92	50	35	17
Source: Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.												

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Stillwater County			
County of Residence	# Who Work In Stillwater County	County of Work	# Who Live In Stillwater County
Out of State	27	Out of State	33
Carbon County	99	Carbon County	20
Cascade County	6	Custer County	10
Fergus County	6	Fergus County	2
Flathead County	8	Gallatin County	3
Gallatin County	26	Hill County	7
Golden Valley County	4	Missoula County	2
Missoula County	4	Park County	12
Park County	18	Richland County	7
Richland County	5	Rosebud County	6
Sheridan County	2	Stillwater County	2,384
Stillwater County	2,384	Sweet Grass County	3
Sweet Grass County	29	Yellowstone County	438
Yellowstone County	143		

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.